



George Jones, South Jordan, hoists a Utah Lake white bass.

Utah ice fishing gaining followers

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Ice fishing can be done successfully almost anywhere where fish are caught in the summer, including some of the rivers when they ice over.

There are some locations that are very popular and the following is a partial review.

Strawberry Reservoir is located to the east of Heber City. Strawberry has an excellent population of trout and ice fishing can be quite good. The area down by the new dam is one of the best places to start. Dress very warmly when at Strawberry because the wind can blow very hard.

Scofield is 65 miles southeast of Provo and is a good ice fishing location. Scofield is high in the mountains and it is easy to get sunburned. Fishing is usually good along the east shore off the points.

Yuba Lake is 50 miles south of Provo and one of the best ice fishing lakes in the state if you like large perch and Walleyes. Down near the dam and in the Painted Rocks area are usually good. Yuba is not high up and it is further south so the ice conditions can change rapidly. Check with the Ranger before going out.

Flaming Gorge is one of the coldest places in the state to ice fish, so go prepared for bitter cold. The Gorge is in the northeast sector of the state — a long drive from Provo. Ice fishing at the Gorge can be

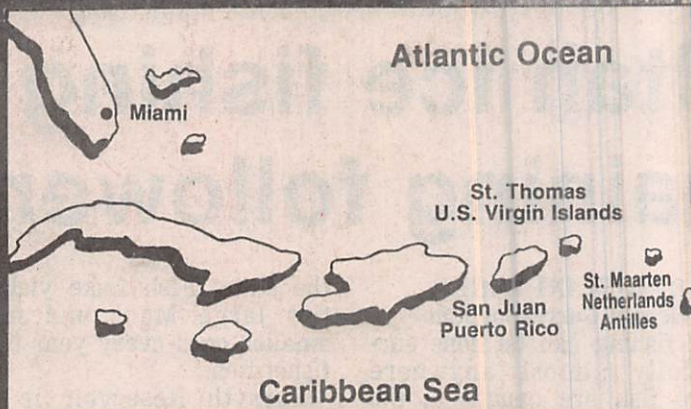
the state. Fish Lake yields a few large Macs and many smaller ones every year to ice fishermen.

Forsyth Reservoir is just down the road from Fish Lake and it may be one of the hot spots this year. The reservoir has been drained down for some repair work on the dam, concentrating the fish into a smaller area. Forsyth is a good spot to put on your "must fish" list.

Utah Lake is a good place to ice fish, with many species of fish available. American Fork Boat Harbor is a good place to fish for White Bass and bluegill. Saratoga has fair fishing for White Bass, bluegill and catfish. The north point of West Mountain is good for Walleyes and White Bass, especially near the springs. Provo Boat Harbor has a little of everything, with trout, White Bass, bluegill, Green Sunfish and catfish all being taken in that area.

Deer Creek Reservoir is one of the most popular ice fishing spots in the state. Deer Creek is only 11 miles up from the mouth of Provo Canyon and has good access along the east side of the lake. Deer Creek has perch in it that weigh more than 1½ pounds and they are excellent eating. The reservoir also contains a good population of trout. Trout fishing at Deer Creek is often done down by the bouys while perch fishing is usually near the island and in Wallshurg

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